

**Synopsis of Campaign Practices Bills & Resolutions Relevant to
State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee**

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Campaign Practices

Introduced: 33
Passed and approved: 8

General revision

Bill No.	Sponsor	Short Title	Disposition
HB 514	Person	Revising definition of "electioneering communication" and "expenditure"; requiring disclosures on certain election communications by corporations	Adverse committee report from House State Administration adopted
SB 289	Ankney	Revise campaign finance laws concerning disclosure, contributions and expenditures, and political committees	ENACTED Chapter 259

Office of Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

Bill No.	Sponsor	Short Title	Disposition
HB 623	Osmundson	Creating a campaign practices and ethics review board, prescribing the board's duties, creating a private cause of action for violations.	Tabled in House State Administration
SB 16	D. Brown	Revise nomination and appointment of Commissioner of Political Practices	ENACTED Chapter 71
SB 43	Malek <i>(By Request of COPP)</i>	Authorize Commissioner to deputize in-house counsel.	Failed 2nd reading in the Senate

Bill No.	Sponsor	Short Title	Disposition
SB 146	Malek	Require Commissioner to be an attorney	Tabled in Senate State Administration
SR 45	D. Brown	Confirm Jonathan Motl as Commissioner	Not heard at sponsor's request
SR 53	Sesso	Confirm Jonathan Motl as Commissioner	CONFIRMED Filed with Sec. of State

Candidates - filing, campaign reports

Bill No.	Sponsor	Short Title	Disposition
HB 131	Hill <i>(By Request of COPP)</i>	Require an additional campaign finance report to be filed at the start of the absentee voting period (1st of May and October)	Tabled in House State Administration * Passed in SB 289
SB 86	Pomnichowski <i>(By Request of COPP)</i>	Require ballot issue committees and candidates for statewide offices, legislative districts, public service commission districts, or district judge positions, or committee's organized to support or oppose them to file campaign finance reports electronically.	Tabled in Senate State Administration * Passed in SB 289
SB 151	Kary <i>(Initiated by Request of COPP)</i>	Strike requirement to file campaign finance reports with election administrators.	ENACTED Chapter 167

Contributions

Bill No.	Sponsor	Short Title	Disposition
HB 116	B. Bennett <i>(By Request of COPP)</i>	Requiring reporting and disclosure of in-kind contributions by political parties to candidates, exempting in-kind personal services from contribution limits.	Tabled in House State Administration * Passed in SB 289

Bill No.	Sponsor	Short Title	Disposition
HB 255	Monforton	Referendum to disqualify a judge if the judge received a campaign contribution from a party or a party's attorney, requiring disclosures, providing waiver of disqualification in certain circumstances.	Tabled in House Judiciary
HB 409	B. Bennett	Authorizing the secretary of state to dissolve a corporation found to have violated the state's campaign practice laws	Tabled in House State Administration
HB 419	Fitzpatrick	Increasing the aggregate monetary contribution limits on what a candidate for the state senate or for the house of representatives may receive from all political committees.	Withdrawn by sponsor before hearing
HB 502	Fitzpatrick	Increasing the aggregate contribution limits on what a candidate for the state senate or for the house of representatives may receive from all political committees. (Similar to HB 419)	Tabled in House State Administration
SB 267	Malek	Prohibiting unions from contributing to candidates. Prohibiting political committees from using corporate or union funds for contributions to candidates.	Tabled in Senate State Administration

Campaigning and electioneering - restrictions, complaints, and enforcement

Bill No.	Sponsor	Short Title	Disposition
HB 76	Ellis <i>(By Request of COPP)</i>	Extending the time period during which a person is prohibited from electioneering at or near a polling place to include days on which absentee voting is authorized.	Tabled in House State Administration
HB 77	Ellis <i>(By Request of COPP)</i>	Allow COPP to enforce law prohibiting robo-calls as it applies to campaign practices	Tabled in House State Administration
HB 335	Cook	Clarifying what is an "electioneering communication" for the purposes of reporting expenditures to COPP	Adverse committee report from House State Administration adopted

Bill No.	Sponsor	Short Title	Disposition
HB 529	Court	Prohibit candidates from being poll watchers at polling places where the candidate's name is on the ballot.	ENACTED Chapter 240
HB 580	B. Bennett	Prohibiting certain persons from distributing things of value at polling places.	ENACTED Chapter 241
HB 594	Fitzpatrick	Provide sanctions for frivolous campaign or election complaints	Tabled in House State Administration
SB 13	Malek	Require disclosure of all votes on certain printed campaign material	Tabled in Senate State Administration
SB 69	Connell <i>(By Request of COPP)</i>	Allowing the COPP to enforce a prohibition on placing a campaign sign on private property without permission	Tabled in Senate State Administration
SB 225	D. Brown	Prohibit mixed partisan and nonpartisan mailers	Failed 2nd reading in Senate
SB 319	Blasdel	Revising determination of proper venue for campaign practices or election violation complaints	Failed 2nd reading in Senate
SB 370	Vuckovich	Revise corporate political contributions and expenditures	Tabled in Senate State Administration

Misc.

Bill No.	Sponsor	Short Title	Disposition
HB 406	Cook	Require an individual or entity to certify compliance with state campaign practice laws as prerequisite of receiving a state contract	Tabled in House State Administration
HB 446	Wagoner	Authorizing attorney fees to be awarded to a plaintiff who prevails in a court action against the state, the COPP, or a county attorney under campaign practices laws	Failed 2nd reading in Senate
HB 454	Fitzpatrick	Allowing political parties to appoint rather than elect their precinct committee representatives	ENACTED Chapter 420

Bill No.	Sponsor	Short Title	Disposition
HJR 3	Hill	Resolution petitioning Congress to call a constitutional convention to amend the U.S. Constitution and address the <i>Citizens United</i> U.S. Supreme Court decision removing limits on independent expenditures during election cycles	Tabled in House State Administration
SB 72	T. Brown <i>(By Request of COPP)</i>	Allowing political party endorsements and expenditures in judicial elections (conforming with Supreme Court decision)	ENACTED Chapter 87

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